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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UNRWA INFORMATION

1. DEPT IS NOW PREPARING (A) JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION "THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL CONTRIBUTE A FAIR SHARE" TOWARD UNRWA'S DEFICIT, NECESSARY TO OBTAIN SPECIAL DOLS 6 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA IN FY 1975 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND (B) MATERIAL FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS FOR FY 1976. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PROMPTLY OBTAINING AND CABLING FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. FOR JUSTIFICATION DEPT NEEDS ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION SHOWING ACTUAL OR EXPECTED CY 1975 CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA BY GOVERNMENTS BEYOND THOSE ANNOUNCED AT 1975 PLEDGING CONFERENCE. WE REALIZE STILL EARLY IN THE YEAR TO HEAR FROM MANY GOVERNMENTS BUT HOPE UNRWA CAN GIVE US
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ESTIMATE OF ITS REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS. FIGURES SHOULD BE

BY COUNTRY.

3. FOR HEARINGS WE NEED:

A. CURRENT TOTALS OF PROFESSIONAL AND GENERAL SERVICE
EMPLOYEES WITH NUMBER US NATIONALS IN EACH CATEGORY;

B. LATEST VERSION OF 1975 BUDGET BY FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

-- RELIEF SERVICES
-- HEALTH SERVICES
-- EDUCATION SERVICES
-- COMMON COSTS
-- OTHER (IF ANY)

C. PRESENT ESTIMATE OF 1975 DEFICIT.

4. RECOGNIZE BURDEN ON EMBASSY AND UNRWA, BUT UNUSUAL
PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL ATTENTION TO PALESTINIANS/UNRWA
AND NEED FOR FULLEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT PRESIDENTIAL DETER-
MINATION REQUIRE THAT WE HAVE MOST RECENT AND ACCURATE
FIGURES POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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